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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 20, 2007, the Specification was objected to; claims 5 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2; claims 1-9, 11-29, 31-35, and 36-39 were rejected under § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,345,278 (Hitchcock) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,339 (Atlas); and claims 10 and 30 were rejected under § 103 over Hitchcock in view of Atlas and Screen Dumps of Microsoft Word 2000 (MS Word).

The Specification and claims 5 and 11 have been amended to address the objection of the Specification and the § 112, ¶ 2 rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is non-obvious over the asserted combination of Hitchcock and Atlas. Claim 1 now recites that the save command by a user in relation to a first open form is provided in response to user selection of a first option displayed with the first open form, and that a load command by a user in relation to a second open form is provided in response to user selection of a second option displayed with the second open form.

The user interactivity expressed by the ability to provide save and load commands in response to user selection of first and second options displayed with first and second open forms is clearly not taught or hinted at by Hitchcock and Atlas. Hitchcock contemplates a college application process where data entered into one application is automatically stored into a database, with no user interactivity allowed. While Atlas discloses indicators provided with GUI forms that allow for the turning on or off, and the setting of properties associated with, autocomplete function indicators, there is no teaching or hint anywhere in Atlas of the save and load commands of claim 1 that are provided in response to user selections of options displayed with first and second open forms.

Since the hypothetical combination of Hitchcock and Atlas fails to teach or hint at all elements of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be established with respect to claim 1.

Amended independent claims 21 and 39 are allowable for similar reasons.

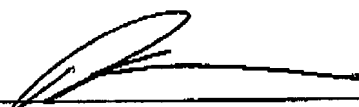
Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims. In view of the allowability of base claims, it is respectfully submitted that the obviousness rejections of dependent claims have been overcome.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0173US).

Respectfully submitted,

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